

REMARKS

The indication that claim 5 is allowed and that claim 3 is objected to and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, is acknowledged. By the present amendment, objected to claim 3 has been written in independent form incorporating the features of parent claim 1 therein such that applicants submit that claim 3 should also be in condition for allowance with allowed claim 5.

Additionally, by the present amendment, claims 1 and 4 have been canceled and dependent claim 2 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 3 rather than claim 1 with minor amendments therein, such that applicants submit that claim 2 should now be considered allowable together with parent claim 3.

As to the rejection of claims 1 - 2 and 4 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Szita ('084), such rejection is considered to be obviated by the cancellation of claims 1 and 4 and the amendment of claim 2 to depend from claim 3 which should now be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, discussion of the cited art in relation to such claims is considered unnecessary.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all claims present in this application should now be in condition for allowance and issuance of an action of favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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